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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON JOHANES

REF: PRAGUE 2027, STATE 173025

1. AT POLISH NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION, CZECHOSLOVAK CHARGE
BUZEK (JOHANES IS ON LEAVE IN CANADA) DREW CZECH DESK
OFFICER ASIDE TO RAISE SENATE INTERNAL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT
IN WHICH JOHANES IS ALLEGED TO BE KGB AGENT. BUZEK
STATED THAT AP STORY WAS PICKED UP BY CZECH EMIGRE PRESS
(HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED "HLAS LIDU" OF CHICAGO).
BUZEK CONTINUED THAT HE HAD ASKED PRAGUE FOR PERMISSION
TO MAKE "STRONG OFFICIAL PROTEST" IN WASHINGTON OVER
STATEMENTS ABOUT JOHANES IN SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT, BUT AS
YET HAD NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DO SO. BUZEK SEEMED TO
FEEL THAT HE WOULD NOT RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION BEFORE HE
LEFT FOR HOME LEAVE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA JULY 26, AND HE DID
NOT THINK JOHANES PERSONALLY WOULD MAKE PROTEST, THUS
HE WANTED TO DRAW DESK OFFICER'S ATTENTION TO HIS
"DISAPPOINTMENT" OVER "UNFAIR TREATMENT" GIVEN TO JOHANES
BY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT.

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2. DESK OFFICER TOLD BUZEK THAT WE HAD ONLY BECOME AWARE OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT LAST WEEK AND REMINDED THAT

DEPARTMENT OF STATE DOES NOT CONTROL CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OR US MEDIA. BUZEK REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT, BUT WANTED TO VOICE HIS OPINION ANYWAY. BUZEK PROMISED TO SEND US COPY OF "HLAS LIDU" ARTICLE.

3. WE NOW HAVE COPY OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT, AND WE ARE POUCHING TO EMBASSY COPIES OF RELEVANT PAGES. ROBINSON

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